

DECEMBER 16, 2010

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: CAMPBELL, GIBBS, WARRUM, STRAW, and WALKER along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Nathan Maudlin.

The following visitors were present: Richard & Alice Simmons, Diana Davis, Vicki Campbell, Ray & Barb McConnell, Rick & Debra Johnson, Pam Robinson, Gene Culiver, Don & Gayle Williams, Betty Gibbs, David & Carlene VanLaningham, Andrew Wilson, Jeanne Maudlin, Johnathon Scott, David Flanders, Jerry Wade, Bill Gillenwater, Mickey Grimm, Bobby Grider, and Scott Champlin.

Councilman Walker made and Warrum seconded a motion the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Gas/street superintendent Bobby Grider announced all leaves need to be bagged for pick-up.

Gas/street superintendent Grider stated the Town's stock of mosquito chemical will need to be replenished in 2011. If it is purchased prior to January 15, the total cost with shipping is \$2879. Councilman Gibbs made and Straw seconded a motion the chemical be purchased at a cost of \$2879. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Gibbs reported on heavy rains that occurred over Thanksgiving. He thanked Ryan Gish and Bobby Reeves for their assistance. He also commented that Ben Nicholson had offered his assistance at any time.

Councilman Warrum reported five trees have been planted this fall. Four more trees are scheduled to be planted soon, including the two ginkgos at the post office.

Park Board President Jeanne Maudlin thanked Olin Davis for his service on the Park Board. His term expires at the end of the year. Mr. Davis has agreed to continue helping with the chili cook-off.

President Campbell announced that Senator Richard Lugar has agreed to serve as honorary co-chair of the Bicentennial Commission.

Councilman Straw made and Walker seconded a motion the festival application for the Golden Raintree Auto Show and Christmas in New Harmony be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins presented a petition for annexation. This petition will start the procedure for annexing the old fairgrounds. Councilman Walker made and Warrum seconded a motion the petition be executed. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Campbell read Resolutions 2010-5 and 2010-6 in full. These resolutions acknowledge the efforts of Donald Williams and Richard Johnson in the restoration of the Ribeyre Gymnasium. The resolutions were presented personally to both gentlemen. Councilman Warrum made and Walker seconded a motion the resolutions be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Campbell read Resolution 2010-7 in full. This resolution concerns appropriation transfers within the General Fund. Councilman Straw made and Warrum seconded a motion the resolution be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Bill Gillenwater spoke about his building located at the old fairgrounds. He asked for approval to install a sign with the building address near the highway. Councilman Straw suggested the sign be installed after the annexation of the property is completed. A building permit will be required before the sign is installed. Mr. Gillenwater also requested permission to refill his fire pond using the nearby fire hydrant. He will pay for the water he uses. Councilman Straw made and Gibbs seconded a motion that Mr. Gillenwater be allowed to fill the fire pond for his building with the Town's hydrant. He will need to notify the Town prior so a meter can be installed on the hydrant. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Rick Johnson reported the senior class made a welcome sign to be placed at the edge of Town. He requested permission to place the sign on Town property. Councilman Gibbs made and

Straw seconded a motion that New Harmony School be allowed to install a welcome sign on the east side of the ditch at the old fairgrounds. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Andrew Wilson, representing William Wilson, requested a waiver of the monthly sewer fee on 1026 Church St. Councilman Walker made and Warrum seconded a motion the request be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Diana Davis, representing Ralph Hardy, requested a waiver of the monthly sewer fee on 1014 Locust St., which is an unimproved lot. Councilman Walker made and Gibbs seconded a motion the request be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Richard Simmons requested a waiver of the monthly sewer fee on 612 Murphy St. Councilman Walker made and Gibbs seconded a motion the request be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins presented Ordinance 2010-12. This ordinance amends various sections of the zoning regulations. President Campbell read the ordinance twice in title only. Councilman Warrum made and Walker seconded a motion that Ordinance 2010-12 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Campbell reported the Town had received a new street lighting agreement from Vectren. Attorney Maudlin reviewed the agreement and thinks it is acceptable. There was some concern about there being no price stated in the agreement. Councilman Walker made and Straw seconded a motion the agreement with Vectren be executed. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Campbell read Ordinance 2010-13 in full. This ordinance concerns the amount employees pay for their health insurance effective January 1. Councilman Straw made and Warrum seconded a motion that Ordinance 2010-13 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Straw made and Warrum seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Campbell appointed Johnathon Scott to the Park Board to replace Olin Davis.

President Campbell announced that the USI School of Nursing had some funds available and they are looking at New Harmony for a telemedicine arrangement. They are looking into a way to provide medical care locally.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

David Campbell, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer